5.	Shri Bhim Sen
6.	Shri Rajesh Kumar
7.	Shri Madan Lal
8.	Shri Daya Chand

AAI Plans to re-built the IA Domestic Terminal at IG Airport in Delhi

3202. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether AAI plans to re-built the IA domestic Terminal at I.G. Airport which was destroyed in a fire in 1996; and

(b) if so, by when this terminal will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) Reconstruction of Terminal IA at IGI Airport is expected to be completed by December, 1997.

International Airport at Amritsar

3203. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 295 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1997 and state:

(a) whether Amritsar has been chosen to be latest permanent international airport of the country under domestic civil aviation policy;

(b) if so, the criteria for selecting a place for an international airport;

(c) whether representations were received by Government for upgrading the Lucknow airport into an international airport; and

(d) if so, the measures likely to be taken to convert this airport into an international airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. In fact, Amritsar Airport already caters to limited international traffic, Further, Airports Authority of India has plans to upgrade the facilities at Amritsar to International Standards.

(b) the criteria for declaring an airport as international are:

—adequate runway length for type of aircraft proposed to be operated and sufficiency of other facilities like taxiway, apron, navigational and communication aids.

—arrangements for cargo handling, keeping in view the present and future requirements.

—Provision for future expansion of the facilities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Lucknow Airport has been developed as a Model Airport which can handle limited international traffic. A new terminal complex with all modern facilities has been commissioned at a cost of Rs. 13.68 crores.

Proposal to renovate the Kumbhir Gram Airport

3204. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to renovate the Kumbhir Gram Airport;

(b) if so, how much money has been sanctioned for this purpose;

(c) which authority has been assigned the job of renovation work;

(d) whether Government have sanctioned any money for acquisition of land to extend the run way and provide other facilities; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India which is maintaining a civil enclave, is responsible for development works pertaining to passenger facilitation at

Kumbhirgram airport. Expansion and modification of the terminal building has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.87 crores by Airports Authority of India.

(d) and (e) There are plans for extension of the runway during the 9th plan period, subject to availability of land. A provision of Rs. 5 crores has been kept in the 9th plan for this purpose.

Operating of daily flights between Guwahati and other important cities

3205. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has been operating daily flight between Guwahati and other important cities of country;

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to increase daily flights between Guwahati and other important cities of country in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (b) Guwahati is airlinked with Calcutta and Delhi from where air connections to other important cities are available. Indian Airlines is, however, operating following flights effective 31.3.97 from/to Guwahati:—

	Frequency per week
Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Delhi	Thrice
Delhi/Guwahati/Imphal/Delhi	Twice
Calcutta/Guwahati/Calcutta	Ten
Calcutta/Imphal/Guwahati/Calcutta	Twice
Agartala/Guwahati/Agartala	Thrice

(c) and (d) Due to non-availability of spare aircraft capacity, Indian Airlines, has currently no plans to increase service between Guwahati and other important cities in the country. Private operators are, however, being encouraged to add more stations to their networks.

स्वर्णाभूषणों का निर्यात

3206. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने मूल्य के स्वर्णाभूषणों का निर्यात किया गया और इस संबंध में वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान स्वर्णाभूषणों के निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई;

(ग) क्या सरकार स्वर्णाभूषणों के निर्यात में वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रमैया): (क) और (ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान विदेशों को निर्यात किए गए स्वर्णाभूषणों का कुल मूल्य और उससे अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा इस प्रकार है:

(मिलियन यू एस डालर में मूल्य)

मद	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97
स्वर्ण	308.60	421.20	480.40	158.21 (अप्रैल-जुलाई)